



2012 Rui Reguinga Terrenus Reserva Vinhas Velhas

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Portugal,,Portalegre,Alentejo,Portugal

Review by Mark Squires

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Rating: 91

Drink 2016 - 2028

Cost: \$0

The 2012 Terrenus Reserva Vinhas Velhas is an old vines field blend, mainly Aragonês, Trincadeira, Grand Noir and Alicante Bouschet, along with others, aged for 20 months in French oak (70% new). The vine age hits 100 years here. A bit oaky at first, this gradually pulls in the oak with some air to the point where it shows well. A year or two in the cellar should make the oak a modest issue. Silky and very debonair, this often seems closer to Burgundy than stereotypical Alentejo. With moderate tannins and a fresh feel, this can only get better as it acquires a little more complexity in the cellar. I'm not sure this is quite as concentrated as the 2011, but it may be even better balanced and more elegant. A perfect food wine, too, this is the type of bottle that will empty fast at the table. There's no "wow"--there's just appreciation for its increasing elegance. This is scheduled for release in January 2016. Importer(s): Tuscan Wine Imports, Virginia Beach, VA, tuscanwineimports.com
